

**Timely Advice,**

From the Major part of the old

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To all the rest of our Fellow

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Wherein is held forth the Politically

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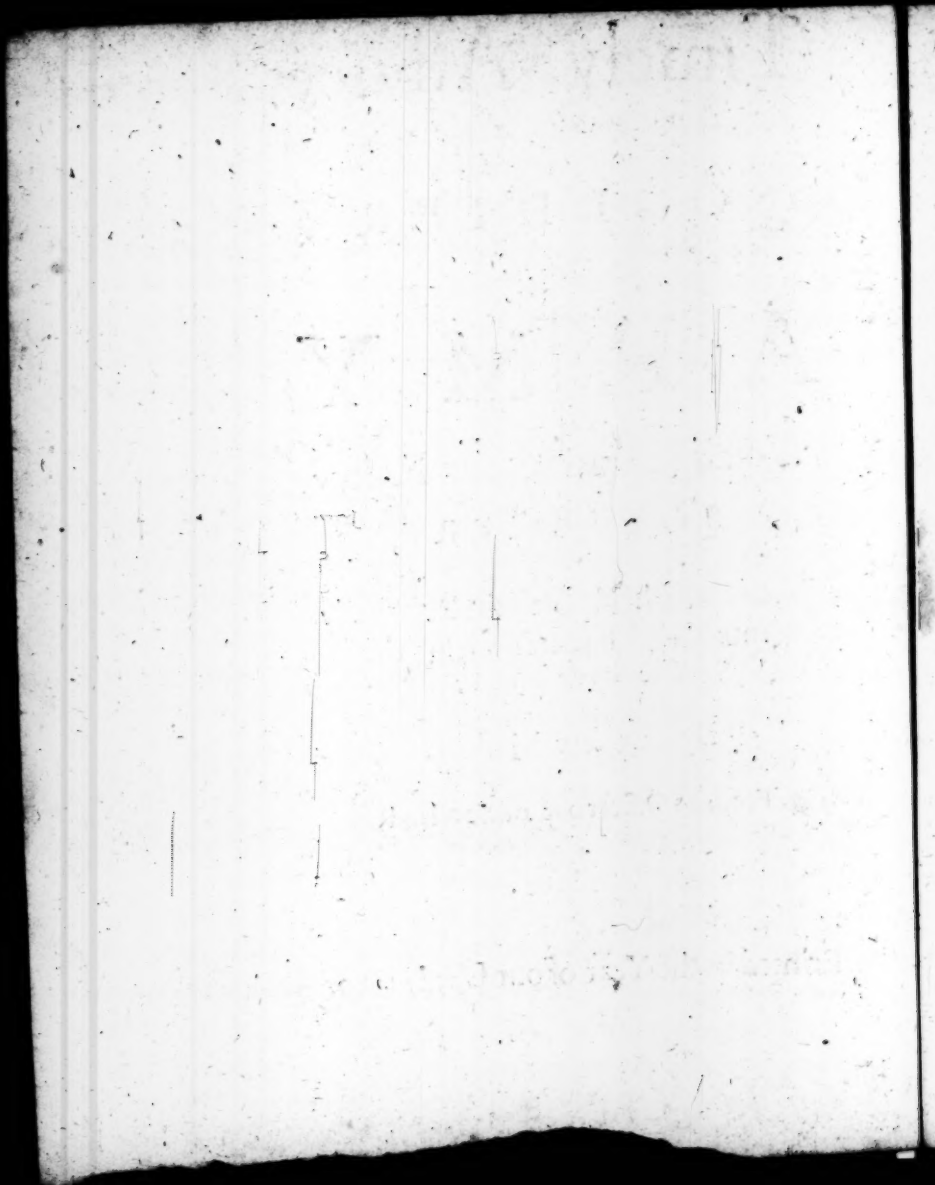
whole **S O U L D I E R Y**

By our new Masters.

From an Officer out of Scotland.

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## Brethren and Fellow-Souldiers,

**U**Pon the serious and sober review of all our pristine magnanimous, and undaunted Actions in the Army in time of Warre, And that while we were all unanimous and zealous for the common good and welfare of this Nation, We were a Terror to all our Enemies round about, though now become a laughing-stock to all our enemies that see our inconstancies, whom nothing can please; but what we cry up to day, we cry down to morrow, onely led thereunto by the Capricious brains of a few weak single persons, Who without us, are nothing; yet we looke not into our own Abilities and Power, but like heedlesse Children cast our dearly bought Honour at our heeles: So we are emptied from Vessel to Vessel, and every day made more and more Slaves to to our own Countrey-men, which is as dishonourable in every true English man to suffer, as it is unworthy in them to impose; and yet all must be done politically, under pretence of Religion, and the Liberties, and Priviledges of the People, when dayly Experience shewes us, that nothing lesse is intended: Is it not then a shame the Power and

change of Government being in us, that we cannot see and prevent our own Ruine and Destruction: when every Man can clearly discern the Face of Fallacies, in the Glasse of his own Woes, and that we are headlong running to Confusion. In the abundance therefore of our zeal and Cordiall Love towards the rest of You our Fellow-sufferers, and Souldiers in the Army, We have thought very fit to acquaint you, as well with what we have Discovered, and Collected from the Actings of our Superiours, as our resolutions to let loose the Raines of our Power and Libertie. For it is not a Time for our Superiours to strive who shall be Greatest, and perpetuate themselves a Multitude of Princes, Feeding upon the Ruines of the People, and Fat of the Nation, when We, our Families, Wives, and Children, and all that is neare and deare unto us, may beg, starve, and perish: Therefore as stout Souldiers, whet and rowse up your Spirits, Let us not any longer with great Words be over-awed, like Doggs with a Cudgell.

It is well known that we are all very much in Arreare of Pay, And that the Monethly Taxes have been paid before-hand, with the the Excise in all the Counties, Customes, Delinquents Estates, besides many other Advantages, whereby farre greater summs have been

been rayfed, then would fatisfie all our Arrears, through want whereof, our Wives and Children have been fo much deftitute of Bread and Drinke, that we have been forced to fell and pawn what we had for Bread to fatisfie their hungry ftomacks; yet no care or provision is made for our payment by our prefent Mafters, who will ftill exact Taxes, though they diftraft Trading, and make many thoufand Beggars, as well in the City, as Countrey; nor care they how defpicable, or to what extremities they expofe us, fo they make themfelves great.

In the time of *Oliver* late Protector, there was constantly fome reasonable time taken for payment of us: And doe but confider how carefull was *Richard* the Protector, for paying offall our Arreares to which purpofe he was very earneft with the late Parliament, and they thereunto with him did Comply, fo that we are truly fenfible to have been paid off cleare, before this time, if they had been fuffered to fit, for which we now repent at our own weakneffe, in fuffering the Diffolution thereof, by a few Ambitious felf-ended perfons, who dayly ftudie new Formes of Government thereby to Advance themfelves, though to the ruine of a Nation: When time and experience hath taught all Ages, that a Government in a fingle perfon  
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lawfully Elected, is most safe, most for the ease and appeal of the Oppressed, most Honourable, most Peaceable, most Heaven-like; and most Consentaneous to an English heart.

That we well understand the Resolves and Intentions of Parliament, are first to settle the Militia, as stawking Horses for them, the better to catch their Game, then after that, either to send us beyond Seas, out of our Native Countrey, to be destroyed like Vagabonds in a strange Countrey at their pleasures, Contrary to the Libertie of Free-born People, or else Disband us at Home, and leave us with our Wives and Children to beg our Bread in our own Nation, where we shall be quickly destroyed and our Posterities, by such as have been, and are inveterate Enemies to us and the Common-wealth; And which shall be all our reward, after shedding of so much blood as hath been lost, for regaining our lost Liberties; And therefore is it not pertinent we all in time provide for our own safetie, which we shall never enjoy without the Government of a single person, our absolute and chief preservation?

That *Richard* Protector, nominated by his late Father, according to the humble Advice, Chosen and Proclaimed, by Consent of Councill, Parliament and Army, is undoubtedly

edly the Lawfull Successive Governour over these Nations, and acknowledged by the many Addressles from most Counties and Corporations in England, and also from the Armies in Scotland and Ireland, looking upon him as their Lawfull and Supreme Governour, which we are Unanimously resolved to maintain, being well assured of the City of Londons Faithfull Compliance with us ; And doe therefore require your willingneis, and undaunted Spirits of Assistance to joyn with us.

That we are not resolved to passe any Mu:sters, ( though we may draw to the Field the better to be informed of all your freeness, and willingnesse herein ) untill our present Masters shall, and have paid all the Arreares due unto us.

That so soon as the Lord *Henry Cromwell*, shall appear with an Army in England, We are, and shall be generally resolved to joyn with Him, for Re-establishing *Richard*, Lord Protector, in which Resolution we hope you will be as free to joyn with us as the Citie ; And chiefly it being the onely way for all our Advancements, and Preservations of our selves and you, yours, and your Wives and Children from the intended Destructions.

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And lastly, The whole Countrey being generally sensible, our new and present Masters act no good or settlement of Trade in the Common wealth, nor for relief of the Oppressed; We are resolved to Dissolve them ( without advice or consent of Officer ) at such time as shall be concluded upon at our next generall meeting, having many thousands with and about the Citie in readinesse to joyn with us; And doe there desire your Appearance and Compliance at the time, for doth not the power of change of any Government rest upon us? Then let us act like Men and Christians, not fearing any, so shall we bring a settled Government in a single person again, and perfect Libertie as Free-born People, which at present is enjoyed but by some particular persons.

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